Further, to provide special encouragement for newspapers published in languages like Bodo, Garhwali, Dogri, Kashmiri, Khasi, Konkani, Maithili, Manipuri, Mizo, Nepali, Rajasthan!, Sanskrit, Saathali, Sindhi, Urdu and tribal languages/dialects, as certified by State Government OT newspapers publised in J&K, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and North Eastern States, under the revised policy, they are now considered for empanelment after 6 months of regular and uninterrupted publication, as against 12 months under the old Policy and the number of paid circulation copies has been reduced from 2000 copies to 300.

(e) The total number of publication under the category of small newspapers empanelled with DAVP is 2274, as on 14.11.2007.

Completion of Panaji Doordarshan building

362. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by what date the Panaji Doordarshan building under construction is proposed to be completed;

(b) whether the equipments required for the studio have been ordered;

(c) the expenditure proposed to be incurred towards the civil work of the building and expenditure towards the equipment; and

(d) by what date the new studio is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Doordarshan Studio building under construction at Panaji is expected to be completed by December 2007.

(b) Action for procurement of equipment for the Studio is in progress.

(c) Estimated expenditure towards building construction is Rs. 87.23 lakhs & that towards equipment is Rs. 384 lakhs.

(d) New studio is likely to be commissioned by October 2008.

FM stations operating from Goa

363. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION
AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FM stations operating from Goa;

(b) the area in the State that these stations cover;

(c) whether it is a fact that these stations cater to listeners within a small radius;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase their coverage;.

(e) whether FM stations are allowed to broadcast news-bulletins;

(f) if not, whether there is any proposal to allow the FM broadcasters to broadcast news bulletins; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) At present there are one AIR FM station and three private FM radio stations operating from Goa. AIR FM station covers about 90% area of Goa state.